**Views of non-Congress (I) Chief Ministers on Ninth Finance Commission's Report**

1537. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether non-Congress Chief Ministers are totally dissatisfied with the application of a 'normative' ap proach of the Ninth Finance Commis sion as published in the Financial Express of the 29th January, 1989, and if so, what is the Government's res ponse thereto; and

(b) whether Centre-State relations have become further complicated and 'received a set back due to Central Government's inflexible and partisan approach to national problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) The Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala and West Bengal aro reported to have had a meeting in Calcutta on 28-1-1989. at the end of which they met the Press and issued a statement adopted at the meeting.

The Statement refers to the norms adopted by the Ninth Finance Commission for assessing revenue resources as "arbitrary, in equitous and negligent of the special problems of the States."

As is the usual practice, the Central Government has accepted meet of the recommendations of the Finance Com-mission.

**Power Plants pending clearance from environment angle**

1588. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY; SHRI P. N. SUKUL;

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of pro posals for setting up power plants are pending for want of environmental clearance;

(b) if so, the State wise details of power plants pending for such clearance as on 31st December, 1988; and

(c) by when these projects ate likely to be cleared?

THE /MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Thirty five Thermal Power Projects and seven Hydro-Electric Power Projects are pending clearance as on 31st December, 1988. This is due to non-submission of requisite information by the project authorities. A statement giving Statewise break-up is annexed (See below).

(c) The normal time frame for the clerance of a project is three months from the date of receipt of complete information from the project authorities.

Statement

A. ELECTRICITY BOARDS/OTHER (STATE SECTOR)

*Madhya Pradesh*

*I.* Mand Thermal Power Station (2x210 MW)

2. Gas Turbine Station near Gwalior (3x100 MW)

3. Gum Gis Turbine Powjr Station (3x103 MW-f 1x150 MW)

4. Jhabu-i Gas Turbine Power Stition (3x103 MW-t-lxl50 M W)

5. Rajgarh Gis Turbine Power Station (3x103 MW -i-1x150 MW)

6. Anmkantak Thermal Power Station (3x100 MW+xl50 MW)